

CLAIMS:

1. A video playback device including means for on-screen control of playback control functions of said video playback device, said means for on-screen control comprising:
- 5 control comprising:
- means (24) for generating, for display, a plurality of icons (60-78) representing all of the playback control functions of said video playback device;
- means (28, 40-46) for moving a cursor (82) among said plurality of icons (60-78) in order to indicate a desired one of said plurality of icons (60-78);
- 10 means (48) for selecting said desired one of said plurality of icons (60-78); and
- means (22) for enabling the playback control function represented by the selected one of said plurality of icons (60-78).
- 15 2. The video playback device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said moving means and said selecting means is a remote control unit (28) having cursor control keys (40-48).
3. The video playback device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
- 20 generating means further comprises:
- means (80) for indicating which one of said playback control functions as represented by said plurality of icons (60-78), is currently active.
4. The video playback device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said
- 25 selecting means (48) further comprises:
- means (82) for indicating said desired selection on said selected icon.
5. The video playback device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said video playback device comprises:
- 30 a controller (22) for receiving video signals from an auxiliary video playback device (32) having playback control functions, said controller (22) further generating playback control signals for controlling all of the playback control functions of said auxiliary video playback device (32);

an input/output interface (30) for connecting to an auxiliary video playback device (32), said input/output interface (30) supplying said received video signals to said controller (22) and receiving said playback control signals from said controller (22); and

5 means (22) for switching said generating means (24) to generate, for display, a plurality of icons representing the playback control functions of said auxiliary video playback device (32).